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If we live in the Spirit; let us also walk in the Spirit.



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Assistant General Overseer, Earl P. Paulk, and Missions Field Representative, C. R. Spain, paused for the cameraman moments before beginning a trip of many thousands of miles into Europe, Africa and the Middle East on March 14. Please pray for their health and safety and their anointed ministry to the hundreds of people whom they will serve.

NOTICE

All Church of God members who are doctors or nurses are requested to send their name and address to this office. We would like to have an up-to-date file of these.

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1. In the verbat inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Go, Stand, Speak

Acts 5:20. "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."



The sermon preached at Nassau, Bahamas, by Reverend C. R. Spain, during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Church of God Missions.

THE NEW Testament church was never rocked in the lap of luxury or refreshed with the cool breezes of society's applause and flattery. Rather, she was continually bathed in martyrs' blood and purged incessantly with fiery persecution. These were the prevailing conditions in Acts 5. The church was troubled within and assailed from without, but God said, "Go, stand and speak . . . the words of . . . life."

In the midst of similar circumstances we have journeyed to the Bahamas and assembled in Nassau for a two-fold purpose. First, to commemorate our 50th mission anniversary, and not to commemorate alone, but second, to accelerate our mission effort in sending forth the glorious gospel.

The text contains three verbs that arrest our attention. Verbs denote action, and action is the theme, or the keynote of this gathering.

This is a critical day. We come from a country composed of on-lookers. Too often this attitude possesses the church, for we love to sit in the grandstand while our arteries harden and our muscles soften. Those in the grandstand know little of the grime, the strain and the sweat of the gridiron. We are happy to view from the sideline or occasionally to participate in the half-time show even though God never intended for Pentecost to be a parade. He meant for it to be the power to inspire us to "Go."

A large American church organization made a survey of its constituency and discovered some startling facts. Twenty-nine per cent of the members do the work; 50 per cent do the giving; and only 33 per cent contribute to the cause of missions.

We must not become complacent, for our command is to "Go." Although we live in a cold, calculating, mollescent society that would rather be *rich* than *righteous*, who prefer *power* over *purity*, who choose *gold* before *godliness*, our commission has not been altered.

Jesus, in Mark 16:15, said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." For a striking definition of the word "preach," erase the first letter; the remainder spells "reach." Remove the second letter; the remainder spells "each." *Go, preach* and *reach* until the message is told to *each*. The angel did not digress in the text from the words of Jesus; nor has the command been changed for this day.

Over 1,900 years have passed, and of the two billion, 800 million people in the world today, one billion, 400 million have not heard of Jesus. The church has much for which to be thankful but little of which to boast. Science has perfected the telegraph so that a message can be sent around the world in 52.6 seconds; yet, in 19 centuries we are only now reaching halfway around the world for the first time with the story of redemption. The last-day outpouring of Pentecost is perhaps ten years older than Communism, yet Communism boasts of over a billion followers while Pentecostalism does not exceed ten million. May this 50th anniversary impart a double portion of the zeal to "Go."

A STRIKING experience is recorded in Esther 8:9-14. King Ahasuerus improvised a way of escape for the Jews in the kingdom. The kingdom was composed of 127 provinces where many tongues and languages were spok-

en. From the third month and the 20th day until the 12th month and the 13th day, messengers on mules and camels traveled into all the provinces at the king's command. In nine months all of the people had heard the message of salvation. Surely if in that ancient day for an earthly king a message could be told, we in this modern day for our heavenly King could spread this blessed message.

In 1907 God began to open a new era in Pentecostal missions. As the Reverend F. M. Brittan was preaching at the Pleasant Grove, Florida, camp meeting, a super anointed Methodist minister, R. M. Evans, received the baptism in the Spirit and it rejuvenated his life. In 1909 he united with the Church of God.

EDWARD BARR, a native of the Bahamas, visited the Pleasant Grove camp and met Brother Evans and his wife, Ida. They talked with Brother Barr and his wife, Rebecca, about mission efforts in Barr's homeland. The spark was ignited and a flame began to glow and burn until in the fall of 1909 the Evans' disposed of all their earthly goods except a team of mules and a wagon with what it could carry. They headed down the coast of Florida for the ocean port city of Miami.

The trip was slow, long and hard, but each turn of the wagon wheel hummed, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Their travel was motivated by the vision of the lost, and it was impelled by the spirit of "Go." R. M. Evans was being inspired just as a man in Exodus 4 was inspired centuries before while he traveled over hot desert sands far away. This man, Moses, also had a heart burdened for his course and ac-

companying him was his family with all their earthly possessions. What caused all of the "Goings"? One man had an experience with heavenly fire on the backside of the desert. The other had an experience with heavenly fire at the Pleasant Grove camp meeting.

In Miami R. M. Evans visited with Milton Padgett and it was decided that his son Carl would accompany the Evans' to the Bahamas.

On board the schooner as it sailed from Miami on January 1, 1910, were the three first Church of God missionaries ever to leave the United States' soil. There were no mission funds on hand to support them; but radiating with God's presence and approval, the little party stepped ashore at Nassau, January 4, 1910, at high noon. By two o'clock they were conducting a street service.

The angel did not only say to the apostles, "Go," but he also said, "Stand." Standing implies an uncompromising position of authority. It was a custom in that day for a speaker to be seated. Such was the case as Jesus spoke to the multitude in Matthew 5:1 and Matthew 13:2.

This departure from tradition seems to have originated in Acts 2:14, "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice." Although it was customary for those who delivered messages to sit, a messenger with direct orders from a king never sat. He always stood. His message was positive and with authority. The apostles' message was with authority because it came from the Truth of the Life King. And we are the heralds of life and truth!

Stand and God will never fail us. His methods may vary, but He does not falter. There were three of His messengers who *went* and *stood*, and who, for their standing, were cast into jail. In Acts 12:10, God's angel came and "slipped" Peter out of prison. Later, according to Acts 16:26, Paul and Silas were in prison and God "shook" them out. "Slip" them out or "shake" them out, God does not fail those who stand for Him.

Regardless of the cost, men and

women are standing for God around the world. Thousands are dying for Christ. Reliable sources reveal that more people are dying for Christ now than at any other period of history.

At a recent meeting of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, the story was told of the persecution of Christians in North Korea. Five hundred ministers were slain, 1,700 gospel churches were destroyed or confiscated. One of the ministers was a man with a large family. His oppressors demanded that he recant and as they threatened him his only answer was, "I believe in God, His Bible, His church." They decided to destroy his family in a fashion that would be most appalling to the father. One day at a time, one member of the family would be shot before the eyes of those remaining. On the first day, guards shot the baby. The minister was taunted with, "If there be a God, why doesn't He help you?" Finally, when he stood alone, he said, "Kill me. I have more in heaven than in the world." A bullet ended his natural life.

In South America I visited a country where there had been 700 cases of violence. Eighty-nine leaders and laymen had been murdered, 49 churches had been destroyed and 34 churches had been confiscated. In the area where our convention was to be conducted, two Holy Ghost filled native workers had been killed only ten days earlier. Thirty-two families compose the local Church of God, and all of them had previously been jailed. The pastor bears the scar on his body where he has been shot because of his "stand" for Jesus. Yet, just before I spoke he said to me through the interpreter, "You may hear stones hit the building as you preach, but preach on, God will not fail you." Yes, throughout the world, under heavy fire, God's men are "standing."

Speak is the third verb in this commission and in God's ordained program. Jesus Christ died to uphold His theory. He rose to perpetuate it. He sent the Spirit to inspire us to propagate it. This is the message of life.

Man, from time remote, has been, usually, incurably religious. He longs to see God. His concept of God may vary, and his way of seeking God, the Creator, may be erroneous, but there is always that desire. Even when Christ was bodily in this world, there were those who said, "Show us the Father."

Paul, writing in Romans 10:14, said, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

God provided that the church should be His herald. On the day of Pentecost there were "tongues of fire." Caesar and the Romans had the sword proceeding from their hand. They conquered and subdued the world. The church had the Sword proceeding from their mouths and Peter used it on a memorable moment when 3,000 fell before its power.

From the spark that was ignited in this island fifty years ago, the flame now flares in sixty countries. There are over 2,000 churches besides missions, with over 4,000 native workers. Over 300,000 members and adherents rejoice in the Lord because the Church of God has responded to the great commission. But we cannot relax here.

The sands of time pour through the hour glass. Pages are torn from the calendar, but the challenge is always present. Suppose a farmer has three days of hay in the field to gather. On the first day, in the afternoon, the heavens grow dark and he sees night will bring rain. All that is left in the field will be lost. Knowing this, he and the workers will do two days' work in the next two hours.

I recall seeing a large home on fire when I was a boy. Two men carried a piano out the door just before the building collapsed. Later, it required four men to move it from the yard into a nearby house.

This is what the spiritual eye can see. There is grain in the field; storm clouds of the great tribulation are gathering; fires of persecution and rebellion are raging.

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Our Overseer Visits India

By WILLIAM POSPISIL, Overseer

THE VISIT OF Rev. James A. Cross, our General Overseer, was greatly appreciated by us, the missionaries here in India, as well as by our Indian brethren. Brother Cross was the first General Overseer of the Church of God to visit India during our general assembly. Rev. H. L. Chesser came while he was the General Overseer, but we were not privileged to have him attend and minister during the time of our assembly.

Brother Cross arrived at the Nagpur airport and was met by Brother William Pospisil, Superintendent of the Church of God in India, and Brother R. Courts, a missionary of the Assemblies of God, resident in Nagpur. At Raipur, about 180 miles away, we arrived only a few minutes before it was time to go to the meeting. Three nights of services had been arranged in this city in central India. About 200 people were present each night in the meetings, which were held in a structure of frame made of bamboo poles, and large tarpaulins were used to make a covering and side walls. The people sat on mats on the ground. Brother Pospisil spoke in the morning meetings and Brother Cross preached at night. Six came forward to seek salvation the first night, thirteen the second night, and twenty on the third night. Several were from the Hindu community. Brother P. S. Samuel was in charge of the meetings. Brother Cross was able to visit and to pray for Sapru S. Dethé, the local pastor, who has been suffering with tuberculosis for more than a year and could not attend the meetings. We would ask all of God's people who read this report to pray for the recovery of our Brother Sapru.

We were touched by the testimonies of two men who were con-

verted from Hinduism. One man in his search for peace and pardon started reading the Bible and praying to Jesus. When his wife learned that he was reading the Bible, she forsook him. His own people turned against him. But he stood firm. He kept on reading the Bible and praying and related that this new found salvation gave more peace and satisfaction than he had ever experienced. The other man was all broken up while praying. He wept and wept, and could not refrain from doing so. He sobbed and moaned and even groaned. He even went out of the meeting and came back to weep and pray some more. It is good to see the Lord working in such a wonderful way. We do not see as much real conviction for sin as we would like to see here in India. But when we do see someone so touched because of the Lord's dealings, it makes us rejoice, because that is the kind of religion we were brought up on.

After the Raipur meetings we returned on the 14th of January to Nagpur and went from the train into the night service. There were about fifty people gathered. Brother Cross preached and one man gave his heart to the Lord. The local pastor, Brother Titus, entertained us for the evening meal. A few hours later we had taken passage on an Indian Air Lines plane heading for Madras. It was the first airplane ride for Mrs. Pospisil and Francis Pospisil, and this was the highlight of the entire two months' tour of churches on which the young boy had to accompany us.

The Madras meetings were arranged as union Pentecostal meetings. The president of the southern division of the All India Pentecostal Fellowship, Brother John Vasu, was in charge. The meetings were held in the Divine Deliverance Tabernacle, of which Brother G. Sun-

daram is pastor. All Pentecostal churches in the city of Madras cooperated in the meetings. There were about 500 present in the first service and about 700 on the final night. The Sunday morning meeting was held at the Church of God house, 74 Thana Street. Three came to seek salvation and about twenty sought for the baptism of the Holy Spirit the first night. Five sought salvation the second night, and many more came to seek for the fullness of the Spirit. On the final night seven sought salvation.

It was good to see all of the Pentecostal people and pastors working together in Madras. However, our work and all of the others, except one, face a real problem. The places of worship have all been sold and none of us has been able to rent another location. The only solution seems to be that we must own our own plot of ground and our own church building, and it seems that about \$10,000.00 will be needed. So please pray about this need in Madras, the third largest city in India.

From Madras Brother Cross flew to Cochin to be met by our Brother Turner while we took the more tedious route, driving our car 450 miles over Indian roads to our headquarters. While Brother Turner was bringing Brother Cross home from Cochin, he had the misfortune of having one of the ends of the tie rod come loose from the wheel, thus losing all control in guiding the car. A paddy field on one side and an approaching bus on the other caused some concern. A telephone pole was standing in a very convenient place, just waiting for someone who might dare to strike. Brother Turner managed to get the car stopped without leaving the road, or striking any convenient object. A passing motorist brought

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Karen Lilly
India

Florida

Jerome
S. America

Kentucky

Pat Mueller
S. America

North Carolina

Mary Poe
Brazil

Tennessee

Janet Carter
Brazil

California

Willie Lawrence
Israel + Belgium Congo

Virginia

Where the Saints Will Tread

By WILLIE F. LAWRENCE

Ruth Crawford
Brazil

Arkansas

Martha Smith
China

Florida

Sam White
Africa

Africa

Barbara White
Africa

Africa

James Meletiou
Greece

North Carolina

Edna Batancourt
Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico

Mary Brannon
West Indies

Alabama

Carl Johnson
India

West Virginia

Ivy Gates
Bahamas

Bahamas

Charles Trascier
Japan

Alabama

Ronald Ducroy
Africa

Africa

Linnie May Eisenhower
India

Pennsylvania

Vincent Parton
India

Illinois

Tony Raileanu
Romania

Yugoslavia

A few days before February 1, Lee College students who have filed applications to serve as missionaries on foreign fields received invitations to come to the Foreign Missions Department for a meeting that would potentially have a profound effect upon the future and the advancement of the Church of God foreign missions endeavors.

These letters of invitation were also sent to students from foreign countries who are attending Lee College. At 7:30 p.m. students began to gather into the Missions Department as if they were returning from different parts of the world to attend a missionary conference. Each student received a card on which were his name, state or country, and the country to which he plans to go. It was a group of twenty young prospective missionaries who marched into the council room, each holding his card. The march was to serve as a surprise to the Missions Board, and it did just that.

Presenting a challenge to all, the march made a profound impression that will be remembered for some time. The students and Missions Board members were greatly moved with a determination to give of themselves for the great enterprise of world evangelization in this generation.

Brother Aultman very kindly introduced us (as we stood in a great circle around the large council tables while the surprised Board members stood at their seats) as an influential arm of missions on the college campus and in activities away from the campus. Several of the Board members made formal expressions of their appreciation for the devotion and support to the program of missions in our activities at school. Prayer in unison followed, and then together we had a precious time of fellowship while enjoying refreshments served by the staff of the Missions Department.

We are living in a turbulent, fast-changing world, a world filled with frustration, discontent and indifference, and racial and national strife, a world in which millions of people are hungry and sick and without Christ or hope of eternal life.

Our world population is increasing at the alarming rate of 100,000 every twenty-four hours. There are 400 million more souls on the earth that are unevangelized today than there were a generation ago.

In Africa there are 190 million souls that have not been reached with the gospel. They must hear the gospel before Communism blinds their minds to eternal truth. With seven million in Arabia, there are less than fifty confessing Christians.



Two of the boys get acquainted with Board member John D. Smith during snack time.

It is estimated that during the last generation 750 million persons went into eternity without hearing the gospel of Christ. How will it be in this generation?

There are 2,974 major languages that are recognized and spoken in the world today, and 1,789 have not received a single portion of God's Word translated.

With all these given facts we are placed in the midst of such a world with the call to demonstrate, at home and abroad, Christ and His

answer to the needs of men everywhere—their needs for divine forgiveness. The mission is to share the gospel of Christ with all men. Jesus assigned this mission when He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

The churches and members have obligations to join hands and hearts with the Missions Department in order to accomplish purposes and meet conditions that are essential to advancing the gospel effectively to win the lost to Christ.

TWENTY FIELDS WILL BE TREAD by these prospective missionaries. They are called by God through Christ. Their call is not merely the product of sentimentality or emotionalism. Nor is it a strange vision. The call makes the individual not a robot or automaton that God will arbitrarily lift out of one country and transplant in another. But each one rests upon these foundations for his call: first, the condition of the heathen, for there are millions that have not heard the gospel message; second, the command of Christ; third, common sense and reason—while the call of God demands an unqualified obedience, it is also reasonable.

James Gilmour, that intrepid missionary to the Mongols who suffered unbelievable hardships and privation, wrote: "Even on the low ground of common

sense, I seem called to be a missionary. Is the kingdom a harvest field? Then I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where it was most abundant and the workers fewest."

These young prospective missionaries have leadership qualities and are of the very highest Christian character. They are developing good gifts and talents through the practical training which is most essential for every missionary. They are giving themselves to better qualify for the work when the church sends them as foreign missionaries.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH is to complete the unfinished task of world evangelism in this generation. The enterprise is related to the health of the church as a whole. Each of its great ages of advance has been at a time when Christians have felt that the world stood desperately in need of the message they had to give.

The Christian layman in today's world can give, and so fulfill the commission by sending his money into all the world while he stays at home. He can support the plan for publishing the Word and he can spiritually encourage and materially strengthen the prospective missionary who will not fear to tread these unreached territories for Christ, His church and the individual member of the church.



The "influential arm of missions" on Lee College campus—prospective missionary students who met the Missions Board in a surprise visit during the last Board meeting.

Anniversary Album



Bahamas overseer, Alfred, and Bro. Guttman sure did work hard to make everything OK. (That's Bro. Chesser behind.)



Wayne Hal was one of the music directors. (This picture was taken at Surant.)



The crowd gathering at Surant, Florida.



Between services we went "home" to the ship. (This is the gang-plank to B Deck.)



Bro. Franke Bro. Eneas Bro. Wolff
(The three host pastors.) Their churches were the scenes of blessed times as the Bahamians and their delegate guests worshiped together.



There were several services in the ship and although the people were all plenty tired, they seemed to enjoy the meetings.



Bro. Britt



Bro. Padgett didn't seem to get tired. He sure was a blessing in all of the services.



Bro. Turner

NASSAU WELCOME
CHURCH OF GOD DELEGATES

The missionaries and their families and many of the church members came to the dock to meet the ship.



Part of the crowd at the City Ball Park. (It was a hot day, but not too uncomfortable for God to bless the meeting.)



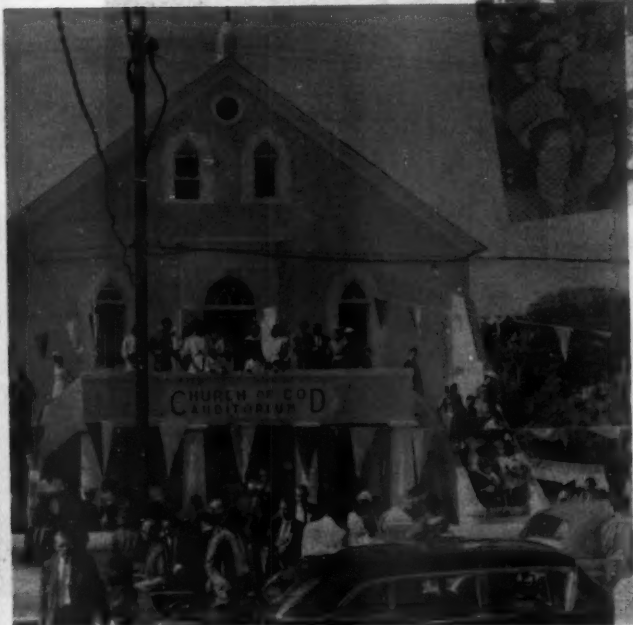
*On board the ship friends
spent precious hours of
fellowship together.*

*"Only God knows the blessing
accomplished through the
Golden Jubilee services. The
people are still thrilled
about it."*

- Carrie E. Albred, overseer



*Congregations such as this crowded
each church. This was the service on
Sunday morning at Fowler Street.*



*An old familiar landmark in the
history of the Church of God in the
Bahamas - the Fowler Street church.
It is the scene of many conventions.*

By DON HILLIS



... Even his congregation would not recognize him from a little distance. His face is unshaven ... his hair disheveled ... and his clothes are shabby and smelly as if he hadn't had a good bath for some time. He is wandering aimlessly down one of Peiping's narrow, noisy alleys. His name: WANG MING TAO—beloved pastor of the largest congregation in this capital city of Communist China.

This man of God is muttering over and over to himself, "I am Judas, I am Judas!" There is something haunting about the drawn lines on the old man's face. His dark, restless eyes stare out of their deep sockets with fear and suspicion. His agonizing, monotone repetition of "I am Judas, I am Judas," tears at your heart and sends chills up and down your back.

Desiring to comfort him, you say: "But Wang Ming Tao, you are not Judas. Your mind has simply played tricks on you as a result of many weeks of imprisonment, slander, torture, false accusations and brainwashing. You and your fellow Christians have been brutally treated by the Communists."

"Oh, but I am Judas, I am Judas, I have denied my Lord," is his reply.

Pastor Wang was recently released from his prison cell after signing a "confession" of crimes he never committed. In a couple of months he recovered his physical strength and mental faculties. He then courageously returned to the Communist authorities and renounced his "confession" and declared his loyalty to Jesus Christ. As a result, Pastor Wang Ming Tao and his wife are back in the dark Communist prison.

THE SPIRIT OF JUDAS

I have few fears as to the judgment of God upon Pastor Wang and his Chinese brethren who suffer so much that the mind falters, faith seems to lapse and the powers of darkness appear to win control. *BUT, I am more and more concerned about the SPIRIT OF JUDAS which I see in my own life and in the lives of my fellow Christians in America.*

What is it that leads us to give "thirty pieces of silver" to missions ... and spend \$3,000 on a car, or \$30,000 on a new home? *What ... but the selfish spirit of Judas!*

What is it that enables us to give 30 days a month to our jobs, homes, clubs and social activities ... but restrains us from giving 3 days a month to the church and soul-winning? *What ... but the selfish spirit of Judas!*

What is it that causes us to sing heartily, "Give of thy sons to spread the message glorious. Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way," only to hold back both sons and silver from the service of our Saviour? *What ... but the selfish spirit of Judas!*

What is it that gives us the initiative to rise up early for our job, or for a fishing trip ... and yet has no ambition to spend an early hour interceding for the souls of lost men and women? *What ... but the selfish spirit of Judas!*

"Fear not, Wang Ming Tao. Fear none of these things which you and your fellow Chinese Christians will suffer. For behold, the devil will cast you into prison, that you may be tried; and you will have tribulation ten days, but be faithful unto death, and you will receive a crown of life. You are suffering behind prison bars while we are at ease in Zion. We are those who can say, I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing—but know not that we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.

"You need our prayers, Pastor Wang, but not as desperately as we need yours. In the light of eternity, our condition is more terrible than yours. Pray for us, Wang Ming Tao."

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CENTRAL AFRICA

by camera



A memorial church will replace this typical African-built meeting enclosure where many souls have been won, including men who have become some of our leading African ministers. • Brother M. G. McLuhan with his Assistant Superintendent for all of Central Africa, Rev. Lazarus Chikovi; Rev. Blison Sika, Nyasaland district overseer; Rev. Josiah Mutumba, his personal African Secretary and interpreter; Rev. Kenneth Kangasa, Assistant Superintendent of Northern Rhodesia; Rev. Malson Sumba, secretary of the work in Nyasaland. • The ministerial seminar conducted by Brother McLuhan at the Matibi Mission. • Brother McLuhan just before a safari into Bechuanaland. The Land Rover will carry extra cans for diesel fuel, small oil tins of high test gas for the stove, and kerosene for the mantle lantern. The large dust-insect-tight packing case contains food, provisions and sleeping bag. • The fanatical leader of a native sect of Pentecostal origin, now corrupted and mixed with heathen practices. He leads his crowd into a frenzy which results in an animated and very unchristian wild dance. This is near Matibi Mission. • At Kwari native location, this Raleigh N. C. Memorial Church was recently dedicated. Seating more than 100 people, it cost a little more than \$50 and is constructed of anti-termite-treated gum poles and grass with a raised masonry platform. It was built by Brother Bob Bosworth and his helpers after his successful tent campaign there.

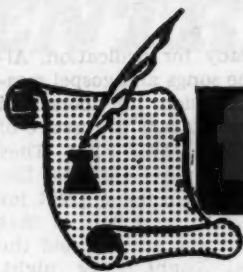


Wherever we went we saw deep wells like Isaac might have dug. Women had to draw their water and carry it great distances in

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And the sins of the people one can see in the sins of many generations. And has looked at many and has sent a part of the mercy to them. Since the time of the first age, the mercy is limited. As we see in the words of the Lord: "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." (Jer. 18:7)

into every dark corner



foreign notes

The Buddhists are training and sending out more missionaries than ever before. They are now conducting evangelistic-type meetings with even such helps as "gospel" trucks, loud speakers, etc. They are taking the tunes of our own Christian hymns and putting Buddhist words and doctrines to them. They are teaching their children, "Buddha Loves Me, This I Know." (Action)

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The Prime Minister of Northern Nigeria warned foreign missionaries to keep out of politics, but continued to affirm that Nigeria will provide freedom of worship and that the government has no plans to curb Christian activity. About 63 per cent of nearly 20,000,000 northern Nigerians are Moslems. He said that Northern Nigeria is retarded in education and social developments because Moslem parents have resisted Western education in fear that their children might embrace Christianity. He plans to visit the United States to seek aid for his underdeveloped region since such apprehensions no longer prevail. (MNS)

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A listener in the closed country of Mauritania has been hearing gospel broadcasts from missionary radio station ELWA in Liberia. In view of the fact that the government of Mauritania has repeatedly rejected applications of missionaries for visas, this is important news. (IFMA News)

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An experiment of staggering proportions is about to be conducted in India by the National Congress Party. More than 100,000 Congress Party members are getting ready to "disappear" into India's hot, dusty hamlets to spearhead what may turn out to be the world's most gigantic mission of peaceful persuasion. These cabinet members and high-ranking party officials will trudge through the countryside (each carrying a bag of quality seeds to be distributed to the farmer for the improvement of his crops) to preach the party's gospel of democratic socialism at the very doorstep of the Indian villager's house. (MNS)

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In order to discredit the name of Hudson Taylor in China, the Communist authorities wanted his biography written. The one who has been doing the research in this project found Christ as Saviour. (CIM)

More than 200 young people volunteered for missionary work during the home mission program at the Brazilian Baptist Youth Congress held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, recently. Their response came after a dramatic presentation of the needs and opportunities of the *sertao* (interior region of Brazil). There are now 160 home missionaries serving in this area, and 20 additional persons are being considered for appointment. (MNS)

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The January 9 issue of "The Ave Maria," Catholic home weekly, asked in front cover headlines, "IS THE CHURCH LOSING LATIN AMERICA? By 1990 Half the World's Catholics May be Lost to the Faith!" In the six-page article, Rev. Roger E. Vekemans, Belgian Jesuit who is director of the school of sociology of the Catholic Pontifical University of Chile, was quoted as being "convinced that the Church in Latin America can be saved only if the Catholic countries in the world mobilize in a gigantic missionary effort to rescue it." (Christianity Today)

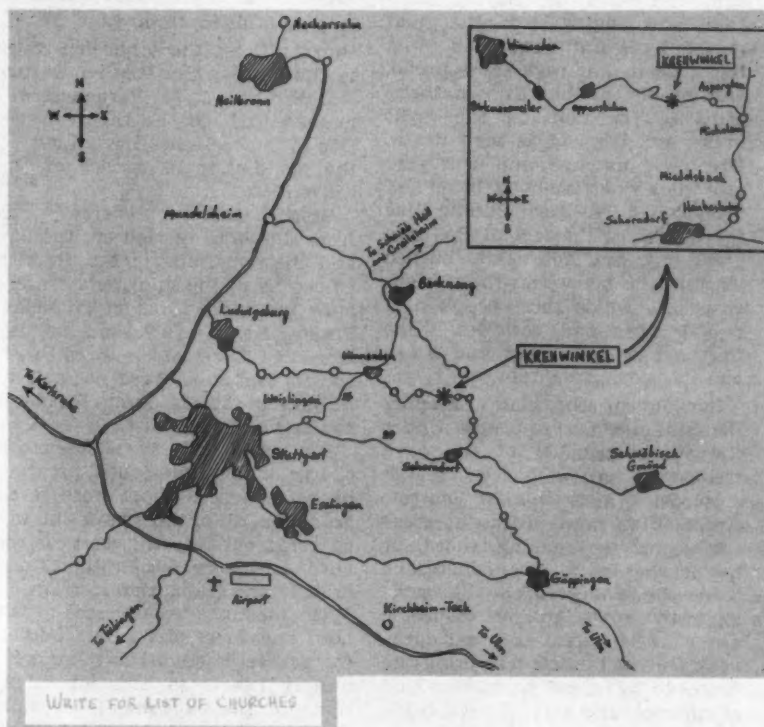
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In Banza Mateke, Belgian Congo, a nationalistic religious movement is causing great concern to the missionaries of the Congo. The "Ngunza" movement is extremely nationalistic, having vowed to "drive all whites into the ocean." It has within its creed a mixture of spirit worship, materialism and elements of Christianity. Their Christ is a Congolese, Simoni Kimbangi, who lived a good life and died a Romanist. They maintain that "Jesus Christ is the white man's Saviour. Ours is Simoni Kimbangi, and he will soon rise from the dead and lead us to victory." The Ngunza preachers pray "In the name of the Father, and Simoni, and the Holy Ghost." Even in this religion thousands bring their sick to the preacher hoping for some miracle of healing, and the ritual includes elements of witchcraft and perverted prayer. (EFMA News Bulletin)

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A missionary of the South America Indian Mission, Rev. H. Clifton Russell, of Calmito, Peru, reports having made contact with an almost extinct Manashipibo Indian tribe which lives in the remote regions of the Utoquinea River in central eastern Peru. First contacts indicate that possibly only 25 members of the tribe now exist. (MNS)

COME TO KREHWINKEL



Missionary Lamar McDaniel prepared the map showing the road to the Church of God headquarters in Germany. He sends one to each service man whose address he is able to secure and he writes to them when special services are prepared for them. In a recent such service three men were saved and it was a blessed day.

The visits with our German people acquaint the service men with the work, the school, the young people, etc., and create deeper interest in missions. There are 39 churches and missions in Germany.

There is a continual turn-over in the military personnel, and many have returned to the States. Mothers, wives, or friends of the boys over there should write to Brother McDaniel, who needs contacts with the new men. (14a Krehwinkel-Schorndorf, Wurttemberg, U. S. Zone, Germany)

Missions Day in Middletown

We had looked forward to November 22 with great anticipation. This was the day that we had marked for our annual missions day at the Clayton Street Church in Middletown, Ohio. There had been much preparation before the 22nd rolled around. The pastor had announced from the pulpit, and had asked the church to make this day a special item of prayer. Our church bulletin which goes into the homes of all members and friends of the church carried articles and reminders of this great day.

The pastor personally wrote each individual that gave to missions last year and thanked them for

their gift, and enclosed a pledge card with the letter asking them to pray about this important matter, and bring the card with them on the 22nd. Also the newspaper carried a very nice article for us on this day.

Our international office had been contacted regarding a representative from the Missions Department and it was decided that Rev. C. R. Spain, the Field Representative, could be with us on this day. And we were very happy with their choice. It would be putting it mildly to just say that God was in the service, because His presence could be sensed in every song, in

the sermon, and especially in the giving. We were enveloped in His divine Spirit. When the day closed and all monies had been counted there was \$8,868.50 for the cause of missions. There was a cash offering received in the night service which amounted to \$118.00 for the distribution of literature.

This year's offering far surpasses that of any previous year in the history of our church, for which we give Him all of the praise. It is the desire of this great church to help take the message of the cross to all peoples of the world.

—Pastor, Rev. H. C. Jenkins

GO, STAND, SPEAK

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We must utilize every ounce of energy and mobilize every force to save as many as we can. With these truths in mind, may we go from this 50th mission anniversary in Nassau, Bahamas with the greatest challenge of our lives. May we imbibe that same endurable, courageous spirit that inspired R. M. Evans to come and stand on the streets of this city and preach the first Church of God message on foreign soil.

The challenge is several fold. It is not for finances only; mere money will not accomplish the task. It demands a place in our prayer life and in our passion. It requires a broadening of our views and a deepening of our consecration. May the wonderfulness of this great occasion accomplish these things in our lives and may their effects be felt in anniversaries to come.



LIGHT . . .

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only to lean, and lean hard on Jesus until strength returns and she feels she can face life.

There seemed to be always someone reaching toward her for help, and she gave and gave until we could watch strength flow out of her, leaving her weak and weary. Many times we were moved with compassion toward the people we saw; but when we mentioned it, she looked at us with a penetrating look and said, "Oh, it's not their physical need that appalls me but the great spiritual need that is around me, crushing me to death. They must have the gospel and I cannot do it alone. Oh, if only God would send me someone to help. It is the church's golden opportunity here now in this period of government change. The country needs help and it realizes it, and I feel

we must enter while this door is open to us."

How can we ever forget the day we stood amid the ruins of Carthage, once one of the greatest cities in the Roman empire. It was so easy to visualize the sunken gardens and baths, the playing fountains and singing birds, the great marble halls and proud people who had passed that way, those proud, vain people who had thrown Christians to the lions in the great arena and laughed at their death. Great, gaping caves and pens were still there where martyrs' blood had been spilled. The great shining, blue sea lapped at the feet of the once great city, and our hearts burned within us to know that the glorious gospel for which those people died is still alive and powerful, while Carthage is only dust and ashes and its people forgotten.

Far out on the plains, keeping flocks of sheep, were people. Under the silver branches of the olive trees were people harvesting the crop. Back in a winding, narrow street others were sitting at great rug looms, or making shoes, or hammering metal. Everywhere one turns the land seems to be teeming with people. Millions of people are sitting in great spiritual darkness. Only a miracle will bring the gospel to them, but we serve a God of miracles, and surely He will bring it to pass.

As the time drew near for us to leave, often a heavy sigh would escape Margaret's lips. She said, "So very soon the walls will begin moving in on me and once more I will be alone with the enormity of my undertaking. Oh, if only I could push your going a little further away, but the burden is mine. The people are mine. Since the age of thirteen, I have lived for this land and it is my land. I will live for these people and die for them, and I will be buried here with them. God help me not to fail in my task."

Our boat pulled away; and as far as we could see each other, we waved. We are now back in the Saar with our great work, and she is there in Tunisia, but cords of Calvary bind us, and we beg that

God's saints will pray faithfully for us and for all the other missionaries on their lonely outposts.

—Walter and Bobbie Lauster



OUR OVERSEER VISITS INDIA

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Brother Cross the other ten miles to the home while Brother Turner and Brother T. M. Varughese remained to have the car repaired. Due to the accident, they all missed the Monday night service of the convention.

Brother Cross ministered to us from the Word of God on Tuesday and the remaining nights. He also helped us in the minister's conference and spoke to us on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Sister Myers was ill with the flu and so she was not able to be present at our annual general conference.

Brother T. M. Varughese took charge of the Bible School program in her absence. There were seven graduates, all of them boys who will be going out into the work of the Lord, and to whom Brother Cross brought the graduation message.

The meetings were blessed of the Lord and there was a real burden for prayer. Each night there were hungry hearts seeking for salvation, for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and for healing for their bodies. Attendance climbed from about 700 on Tuesday to nearly 5,000 on Saturday. Estimates can never be correct in a large crowd, but it was reported that 16 were saved, 34 received the Holy Ghost and 40 were baptized in water.

Brother John Maxwell, who is a missionary from Australia having recently united with the Church of God, visited our headquarters in Kerala for the first time. He has returned to Madras, where he is distributing the Word of God daily in the streets of the city.

Too soon the convention was over. Too soon we had to say goodbye to our Brother Cross. His messages were scriptural, timely and appropriate. May God bless him and if possible bring him back to us again.